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SUBJ: BREZHNEV GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO SOVIET- JAPANESE RELATIONS

BREZHNEV'S MARCH 6 MEETING WITH JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO RECEIVE LETTER FROM PRIMIN TANAKA HAS STAYED ON FRONT PAGE OF PRAVDA FOR FOUR DAYS RUNNING, WHICH IS PRACTICALLY UNPRECEDENTED FOR AN EVENT OF ITS KIND. FOLLOWING FIRST DAY'S BARE- BONES PRESS RELEASE, PRAVDA HAS CARRIED DAILY SUMMARIES OF TOKYO PRESS REACTION INDICATING TO SOVIET READERS THAT TANAKA MESSAGE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO MOVE AHEAD ON PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. PRAVDA'S APPROVING DESCRIPTION OF EXCITEMENT IN JAPAN OVER THIS FIRST MEETING OF BREZHNEV WITH JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE INDICATES THAT FREEZE IN SOVIET- JAPANESE RELATIONS SINCE LAST YEAR'S PEKING SUMMIT HAS COME TO AN END. SOVIET EAGERNESS FOR SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND OTHER ECONOMIC COOPERATION IS PART OF THE REASON, BUT TASS RE- PLAY OF OPINION POLL SHOWING JAPANESE PUBLIC WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH USSR IN ADDITION TO PRC AND US SUGGESTS SOVIETS ALSO WANT TO GET BACK INTO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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